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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: Councilman Brown (illness).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Jo-Anne Waller led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Ray Lambert, First Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning:  
December 2nd at 5:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM TORRANCE ROTARY.

Rotary president Bill Gilchrist gifted Councilmen Applegate and Rossberg and Mayor Armstrong with photographs involving them at a recent Rotary function.

8b. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUE TO SANTANA MATA.

A tile plaque, in appreciation for his dedicated public service efforts working as a volunteer Crossing Guard in North Torrance, was presented Mr. Santana Mata by Mayor Armstrong, with grateful acceptance by Santana.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION re: Modification of Traffic Signal, Illuminated Street Name Signs, and Highway Safety Lighting Maintenance Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT  
CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-246. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for furnishing the new Police Facility.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That the City Council award contracts for the purchase and installation to the low bidder in the following manner:

1. FURNITURE - \$110,838.35, including tax  
To: U.B.I. Planning and Design  
1200 South Olive Street  
Los Angeles - 90015
2. BLINDS - \$4,842.00, including tax  
To: Abcraft Inc. dba Fabco  
809 East 18th Street  
Los Angeles
3. ACCESSORIES - \$ 3,041.28, including tax  
To: Bayless Office Interiors  
301 North Oak Street  
Inglewood 90302

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:13a. SIGN APPEAL - Case S79-2 (Rev I) by RESULT FITNESS.

See Page 6.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND TITLES.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body concur in and adopt the following:

1. Proposed class specification and title change from Senior Bus Operator to Assistant Transit Operations Supervisor.
2. Proposed title change - from Purchasing Supervisor to Purchasing Agent.
3. Proposed title change - from Lead Tree Trimmer to Assistant Tree Maintenance Supervisor.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur in the above stated recommendation. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown absent).

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14b. RESOLUTIONS re: Revised Class Specifications and Titles.

Senior Bus Operator to Assistant Transit Operations  
Supervisor:

RESOLUTION NO. 81-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 28, 1981 TO  
JULY 1, 1982

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-247. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

Purchasing Supervisor to Purchasing Agent:

RESOLUTION NO. 81-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT  
EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-248. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

Lead Tree Trimmer to Assistant Tree Maintenance  
Supervisor:

RESOLUTION NO. 81-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,  
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE  
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE  
PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION  
FROM JULY 1, 1981 TO JULY 1, 1982

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-249. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

15. HEARINGS:
- 15a. CUP 81-36 (EA 81-24), ROBBINS AND BROWN, A.I.A.  
(northeast corner of Hawthorne and Artesia Boulevards)  
Administrative Appeal of Environmental Review Board  
recommendation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration.  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
STAFF RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION.

See Page 8.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

See Page 6.

- 17b. RESOLUTION re: Request for services relating to the  
conduct of the 1982 Torrance General Municipal Election  
from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID  
COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT  
OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD  
IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 2, 1982

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-250. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

- 17c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Auto/Truck Diagnostic  
Equipment - Expenditure: \$22,628.88

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council authorize the purchase of the required equipment at the "prevailing" State and Local government pricing at 20% discount off published list price. The total price to the City for the three basic components of the system is \$21,348.00, plus tax, or \$22,628.88 total price.

FUNDING:

Funding for this purchase is included in the Garage Capital Equipment Budget.

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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ITEM 17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:50 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: Litigation, returning at 6:30 P.M. No action was taken.

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The Council now returned to:

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING & SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. SIGN APPEAL - Case S79-2 (Rev I) by RESULT FITNESS, 22750 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy (Staff material, Page 1, was corrected in that there is a sign permit for The Pottery Shack sign). The Staff and Commission recommendation for denial of the appeal was reaffirmed by Ms. McElroy.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Mark Frank, Superior Electrical Advertising, 1700 West Anaheim Street, Long Beach, reviewed their acute signing needs, tree blockage, visibility problems, etc.

It was the opinion of Councilman Walker that "a better sign could not have been built to serve the purpose," and he concurred with the applicant's concerns regarding tree blockage.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the subject appeal provided the applicant builds the facia sign as indicated on plans submitted to Council rather than the enlarged facia sign which was allowed by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Councilman Applegate reviewed the "cleaner look" in signing along Hawthorne Boulevard which has been achieved, little by little, and offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Council approve the ground and monument sign designed and worked by the proponent, in cooperation with the department,

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and the original Commission approval of the larger wall sign to remain. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Wilson;  
Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

It was clarified by Mayor Armstrong that the above action means that the pole sign as proposed with the existing pole is not acceptable; the larger fascia sign granted by the Commission has been approved, and, should it be desired to exercise the option of developing a monument sign, that would be acceptable. It was added by Councilman Applegate that his motion does not mean that a monument sign should be 6 ft. or less; his desire is for something tasteful and compatible -- "6 ft. is not the magic number."

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The hour being 7:10 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:11 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro advised that Assistant City Manager Jackson will be representing the City of Torrance at a California State Assembly hearing on Employee Benefits in San Diego on November 18th.

22b. Park and Recreation Director Barnett provided a status report re: Sur La Brea Park.

22c. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation for the Council/Staff support of the recent successful YMCA Pancake Breakfast event.

22d. Councilman Applegate<sup>extended</sup> best wishes to Councilman Brown on his back surgery -- these wishes were warmly concurred in by all members of the Council, the Mayor, and all present.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert requested Staff review re: the closing of the Southern Pacific Station in Downtown Torrance -- that various options for this building be pulled together and returned to the Council for their study.

Mayor Armstrong pointed out available monies for preservation of historical projects; there might be some opportunities along this line as related to the Southern Pacific building. It would be a shame were it lost to the community, per the Mayor.

22f. Councilman Rossberg noted South Bay Cities meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19th -- a "round table discussion" has been programmed.

22g. Councilman Wilson inquired as to the status of the Torrance Mounted Posse site -- Staff report will be forthcoming.

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The Council now returned to:

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 81-36, ROBBINS AND BROWN, A.I.A. (Northeast corner of Hawthorne and Artesia Boulevards). Administrative Appeal of Environmental Review Board recommendation of Mitigated Negative Declaration. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. (EA 81-24)

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Nat Franklin, 1049 South Sterns Drive, Los Angeles, 90035, reported on the fact that they have worked very closely with Staff and are most desirous of cooperating in every possible aspect of this project.

Mr. Mike Whisler, 4323 West Artesia Boulevard, reaffirmed his concerns pertaining to traffic, trash, dust, pollution and blockage of the sun, as expressed at the Environmental Review Board hearing. Mrs. Marilyn Whisler joined in voicing like concerns, particularly as related to traffic, and there is a critical need for further study.

Architect Larry Robbins, 14955 Califa, Van Nuys, reviewed sun and shadow problems and the impacts thereof -- Mr. Robbins also noted substantial material which has been provided regarding Mr. Whisler's concerns.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

Following discussion, Council actions were as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Environmental Review Board and Planning Department Staff for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to support the appeal and require a Focused Environmental Impact Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: That the Council concur with the recommendation for a Mitigated Negative Declaration, with note of the need for a traffic plan involving the entire area, and other concerns expressed; the Mitigated Negative Declaration to be so amended in the interest of expediting the matter. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Wilson;  
 Mayor Armstrong.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

The MAIN MOTION to grant the appeal and require a Focused EIR CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Wilson;  
 Mayor Armstrong.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

It was clarified by Mayor Armstrong that the Focused EIR should be directed to South Bay Center traffic, in conjunction with the City of Redondo Beach input; the sun, shadow, etc. impacts of the proposed building; alternatives to the proposed project; possibility of cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods; circulation within the center; more graphic representation of effect on Amie Avenue, etc.

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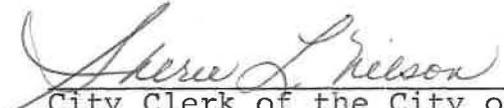
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance